

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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MAKING SPORTS MANDATORY IN SCHOOLS/INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to make sports mandatory in schools and other educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to earmark certain quota for sports persons for various Sports Boards of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a) & (b): In accordance with the National Policy on Education, 1986, the New National Curriculum Framework, 2005 has identified health and physical education as one of the other curricular areas. The curriculum area adopts a holistic definition of health within which physical education and yoga contribute to the physical, social, emotional and mental development of a child. Recognizing the importance of this subject, the new National Curriculum Framework proposes that health and physical education must continue to be a core subject from the primary to the secondary stages and an optional subject on the higher secondary stage. The draft National Comprehensive Sports Policy 2007 also emphasizes the need to integrate physical education and sports with the formal education

(c) to (e): The Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) stipulate that at least 25 per cent of members with voting rights in the National Sports Federations should belong to the category of prominent sportspersons.